

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) An aluminum flake pigment, obtained by grinding aluminum powder in an organic solvent, having an average thickness (t) in the range of 0.025  $\mu\text{m}$  to 0.08  $\mu\text{m}$  and an average particle diameter ( $D_{50}$ ) in the range of 8  $\mu\text{m}$  to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. (Original) The aluminum flake pigment according to claim 1, wherein said aluminum powder is prepared by atomization method.

3. (Currently Amended) A paint composition containing the aluminum flake pigment according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, a binder and a solvent.

4. (Currently Amended) An ink composition containing the aluminum flake pigment according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, a binder and a solvent.

5. (Original) A film obtained by applying the paint composition according to claim 3 to a base and thereafter drying the paint composition.

6. (Original) A film obtained by printing the ink composition according to claim 4 to a base and thereafter drying the ink composition.

7. (New) A paint composition containing the aluminum flake pigment according to or claim 2, a binder and a solvent.

8. (New)      An ink composition containing the aluminum flake pigment according to  
or claim 2, a binder and a solvent.